

REMARKS

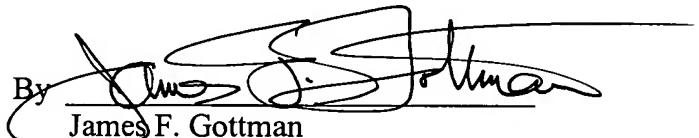
The instant preliminary amendment is presented to place the application in better condition for examination and to facilitate prosecution.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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